COMMUNICATIONS.

The hermit of Violet Dale, after indulging in personalities, declares, to the utter astonishment of his much abused friend, that he will no longer indulge in such trifling puerilities, and that the heart of the poor Balm will not be again gladdened by his kind and affectionate notice. He states, also, that he will, from this time forth, bend all the energies of his gigantic intellect to the completion of that luminous and interesting series of articles known as "Union Papers." This is, indeed, a wise conclusion, and worthy of its great author. It would have been well for the Cedar, if he had never digressed from his original undertaking to luxuriate in the demolition of the poor unoffending Balm, as in that case he might not, perhaps, have convinced his readers quite so thoroughly of the fact, that, unlike the lucky child he describes as "too small for spanking," he is admirally adapted by nature, as to physical conformation, for the reception of that species of applause, which Dickens informs us and is too unwell to write his remarks out was so frequently elicited by the fell Mc-Stinger from the body of the inverted and suffering Alexander. I really cannot refrain from a suspicion that the denizen of an early day. the Dale retires from this contest, into which he rushed with such gusto, not from a con-'lay hold of," but from the sad conviction that his own ideas were very scarce, and so microscopic as to render it exceedingly laborious to transmit them. Regretting exseedingly that I have been so unfortunate as to ruffle by my balmy remarks the naturally sweet temper of the Violet, and heartily grieving that I shall hear from him no more. I leave him to the melancholy task of grappling with the mammoth and mighty creatures of his own imagination. Knowing my friend's taste in poetry, I leave him as my legacy the following lines, which I think he will do well to study--"If an author have any least fibre of worth

Abuse would but tickle the organ of mirth in him; All the critics on earth cannot crush with their One word that's in tune with the nature of man."

Dear Cedar, "Fare thee well! and if forever, then forever fare thee well!" BALM OF GILEAD.

Land of Goshen.

I have not witnessed in any of the public prints south of the Potomac, anything calculated to induce the belief that the Flag of our Country, the "stars and stripes," is dear to Southern men. The question, "What shall be our Flag, if Virginia leaves the Union?" is an important one, and should command the attention of every right-thinking man. Foreigners have become habituated not only - but foreign governments-to respect the Star-Spangled banner. I have seen American citizens and American commerce secure, prospering beneath it. I have fought under it both in the war with Great Britain, and since in the Mediterranean and in Mexico, and I, for one, am not willing to give up our glorious flag for any other. I they would still let that banner wave, they will defend it with all the power and energy I have left, and cannot consent that it should be vielded up to any Northern Confederacy, by our adoption of another. If Virginia and the Border States should be compelled in honor to secede from the existing Government, and join the Southern Confederacy, we will claim, and justly claim, to be the United States proper; and it is to be hoped that the South will see to it, that no change be made in our National banner, other than of the number of stars in the Union. Let Georgia have her easign and Florida her's. Let the flag of Virginia wave where it should, in the post of honor, the post of danger, the van of the battle. But let the "Stars and Stripes," the flay of the Confederacy, be the common standard of the Southern hosts. A VETERAN.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

A letter from Culpeper Court House, in the Baltimore Sun, says:-"The secession feeling runs high in this place. On last Saturday Capt. Freeman's company of artillery paraded our streets, rank and file numbering about thirty-five men. They marched into the Court House, where they were addressed by their captain, after which he offered a series of resolutions sympathizing with the seceding southern States, and proposing to offer the services of the company to the little State of South Carolina, which was unanimously adopted. The fact was at once telegraphed to Gov. Pickens, and the company is now waiting his reply. The names of the officers are as follows :-Captain, Robert Freeman; First Lieutenant, Geo. Wheetly: Second Lieutenant, Hill Bradford: Third Lieutenant, Charles E. Shearer: First Sergeant, Henry Clay Burrows; Second, William Gains. This company is composed of able bodied young men, and will rank among the best drilled com-

audit and pay the expenses incurred by the water to put the fire out, the door was locked, John Brown raid, made a report on Saturday. and the key could not be found in its accus The first part of the report affirms the allow-ance already made to the Hillsborough Guards of \$1,327 12, but states that the Cap- thing of it. On going, however, to the tain and 1st Lieutenant, inasmuch as their election was never certified to the Executive, found hanging on a nail on the outside of were allowed but the pay of privates. In the house, in its usual place, and the door the case of the North Fork Rifles, who were | was locked. allowed \$2,242 69, the board also adhere to their decision. The report was made under a resolution of inquiry from the Senate.

A gentleman just arrived in Washington, from Northumberland county, Virginia, necessity been discovered. And there was says that Mr. Ormsby and family of that no wound upon her person indicating the in those cities. county narrowly escaped being poisoned by use of any puncturing instrument. Her their negroes, on Thursday last. Arsenic face and head were badly murilated, and her was freely used. None of the househol!, arms, above the elbows, were badly bruised. however, have died. Several heads of cattle | She, also, had two very severe burns upon were found dead. The negroes, to the num- her person-the one on the right arm, beber of forty, are now in jail. The whole tween the elbow and wrist: the other on the county is up and in arms. The negroes, it left lower extremity, between the hip and the is said, were in for freedom, through murder | knee.

We learn from the Richmond papers that the prices of negroes in that city have had sad and much lamented occurrence, viz :an upward tendency ever since the inaugu- That she came to her death by violence, perration of Lincoln.

In Washington, on Monday afternoon, March second son of Thomas K. Gray, esq., aged twen- calculated to throw further light on the subty-six years.

The funeral of Mr. GEORGE W. SLA-CUM will take place to-morrow, (Wedneslay.) the 13th inst., in Christ Church, at 1 o'clock, P. M. His friends are respectfully solicited to at-

NOTICE.—Unwilling any longer to bear the entire expense of running

land Shore, the public will please take notice, that We are now having March and Winter weaafter the 16th inst., the Steamer ALICE FOX ther mingled in such a way, as to almost will be withdrawn from the route. mh 13-11 BLACKLOCK & MARSHALL.

Cazenove & Co. 3 quarter casks Old Port

in store, and for sale by mh 13 HUMPHREYS & TALIAFERRO.

and burning or painful urinating. For sale by
mh 13 H. COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall. WHISKEY, (all Rye,) in store, and for sale by HUMPHREYS & TALIAFERRO.

Whent, should now be noticed by the newspa-

Letter from Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, March 11 .- The African Church was crowded on Friday night to its utmost capacity by the citizens of Richmond, members of the Convention, and Legislature, and strangers, to hear the address of W. C. Rives, esq., one of the Commissioners of the Peace Congress. He completely vindicated the action of himself and Judge Summers, (as well as Judge Brockenbrough, who has already stated that he would have voted for the propositions as a whole,) from the aspersions or reflections attempted to be cast upon them by their co-Commissioners who addressed the crowd in the streets of Richmond, contrary to all rule, on their return here. It is greatly to be regretted that the arrangements which were understood to be made to report the speech of Mr. Rives were not carried out, so that it could be spread before the country at once. Mr. Rives spoke without notes, here; but he may do so when he returns home this week. He has been pressed to and when the doors were reopened, addo so, and may comply with the request at journed.

Your valuable paper is always looked for here with interest. I wish, however, that viction that his "enemy" was too small to all who seek after it and read it, would subscribe to it, and then its regular subscribers would stand a better chance of reading their own copies.

I still, as ever, hold on to the opinion that the Union is worth preserving, and ought to be preserved. All patriotic men, who think so, should now speak their sentiments boldly and fearlessly. With all the mal administration of the government, the peowe endure, and their proper constitutional remedy, than to the declamation of partizan politicians, many of whom, for the first time, both see "the hand writing on the wall," and "feel where the shoe pinches.' Letters from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, &c., from respectable sources, go to show that the result of the late Presidential election was more owing to a desire to effect steady, at 1Se. a change in the administration of the government in connexion with the correction of abuses, than from any other consideration. Had these people supposed that the result would have been what it is, they would have paused. A Georgia member of Congress passing through this place was asked by a gentleman, what would satisfy his people. His reply was that of an honest man -without subterfuge-"We don't care for fugitive slave laws, or personal liberty bills as we don't lose any slaves; but we be ieve we can do better by going out of the Union-we have now a good opportunity and we are going to avail ourselves of it.' I would prefer that the issue thus made up should be presented to the South, in this shape-1 want no false pretences or excuses For myself, I repeat, that the fing that wish to see still wave over the Common wealth, is the old "Star Spangled Banner"glorious emblem of Liberty, Greatness, and National Fame-and I believe, that if the vote were taken in Virginia as to whether would make the response they did on the 4th of February last. But let us see first what the Convention proposes, and wait patiently for its action, disposed for peace and union, and not desirous for discord and com-"A LOOKER ON."

The Tragedy near Middletown.

Correct Statement of the Horrible Affair. MIDDLETOWN, FREDERICK COUNTY, March Sth .- The real circumstances of the unaccountable occurrence noticed in your issue of the 7th, are involved in mystery, and the probability is, that the mystery will never be unravelled, until it is revealed in the great day of eternity. The facts in the case, as far as we can arrive at the truth, are as

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., Mrs. B. B. Cooley dined at home, in company with all the family except her husband, who had gone to Alexandria with a lot of cattle .--After dinner was over, she attended to her domestic duties as usual, and designed spending the afternoon with her sister-inlaw, who lives on the place. She left her room about 2 o'clock, and went into the kitchen, and was not seen or heard of any more until about 7 o'clock in the evening, when she was found in the smoke-house, not (as your correspondent stated) in a state of nudity, but her clothing was torn, and some of it entirely burnt up-(there was fire in the smoke-house for the purpose of smoking the meat)-some scarcely scorehed. Her stock ings have never been found. Her shoes were found afterwards under her bed, and one of them had a large spot of blood on it. None of her clothing, not even a shred, was found suspended upon the meat hooks. The great mystery connected with the sad affair, is that, according to the statement made by the one who had charge of the smoking of the meat, in the evening about sunset, when The Virginia Commissioners appointed to he wen; to the smoke house with a vessel of tomed place; that he went to the house and enquired for the key, but no one knew anysmoke-house the second time, the key was

> This testimony is corroborated by another member of the family. She could not have been in the position she was found at the time of putting out the fire, or she must of

There seems to be but little doubt in the public mind in regard to the cause of the petrated by some person unknown to all. Suspicion, however, points to one of the servants as the authoress of the deed. No ar rests have been made, and probably none 11th, after a protracted illness, WILLIAM K., will be made, unless new facts are elicited,

> By correcting the erroneous statement in your issue referred to, you will greatly ob-Yours, &c. DR. H. SHIPLEY.

Letter from the Valley of Virginia.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, the Ferry Boat between this place and the Mary- WHITE P. ST, CLARKE COUNTY, March S.kill all inclined to an early grave.

The Wheat erop all looks well. All the DURE WINES, imported direct by Mesers. fertilizers are telling creditably and hand somely for themselves; but from my own observation, I see plainly that Fawle & Co.'s observation, I see plainty that Fowle & Co. s

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50 Guano, and J. J. & F. Turner's S48 Phose abatement will be made except the discount for cash named above. W. M. SHUSTER & CO. washington, min 4—41m. small quantity applied per nere, than any DIABETES, &c.—The only known remedy for Diabetes, irritation of the neck of the blad- mers seem to upply less per acre of these der, inflammation of the kidnies is Constitution | fertilizers, because they regard them strong-Water; also, for catarrh of the bladder, strangury | er. This is not fair; but still they show ahead of all others when the quantity used is estimated. I think the effect of the ferti-DURE RYE WHISKEY .- 30 bbls. Linden lizers, and the good prospect for a crop of

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

REPORTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE. In Senate, Tuesday, March 12. The Senate met at I o'clock. After read-

ing the Journal, The resolution of Mr. Foster, of Connecticut, for the expulsion of Mr. Wigfall, of Texas, with Mr. Clingman's amendment to the same, was taken up.

Mr. Simmons, of Rhode Island, moved that the subject be referred to the Commit- ified. tee upon the Judiciary, which was agreed to. The Senate then took up the resolution of Mr. Mason, of Virginia, providing for the payment out of the contingent fund of the Senate, of certain costs incurred by the U. rest F. B. Sanborn, a recusant witness in the Harper's Ferry case.

On motion, the said resolution was postponed until the first Monday in December

Mr. Clark moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive business, which was agreed to.

The Senate then went into secret session,

### COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, March 12.

The demand for Flour to-day was active .-There were sales of Union Street Superfine at \$5.15. We quote Super at \$5.12\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\text{@}\)\$85.18; Extra \$5.75@\$6, and Family \$6.50@\$7.50. The offerings on 'Change this morning were light. There were no sales of Wheat reported on 'Change. We note white at 125 @ 140c. for fair to good, and 142(c153c, for prime to choice quality; red at at 120(c125c, for fair to good quality. The prices of Corn have advanced. We quote first qualities at 60 (a.61c., last sales. There were no offerple should look rather to the real grievances | ings of Rye or Oats on Change. Prices remain steady and unch anged.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 12 .-- Flour dull and heavy Howard street and Ohio \$5.12; City Mills \$ with no sales. Wheat steady; red 125(@128e white 140@160. Corn active; mixed 56@57c. yellow 58e; white 63@65c. Provisions dull and unchanged. Coffee firm at 121@13c. Whiskey

New York, March 12 .- Cotton firm; sales o 500 bales; Upland middling 112. Flour heavy; sales of 12,000 bbls.; State 5c. lower, at \$5.00@ \$5.08; Ohio, \$5.4:@\$5.55; Southern, \$5.20@ \$5.60. Wheat-declining tendency; sales of 48, 000 bushels; Western red 130c.; do. white 145@ 148c. Corn quiet; sales of 45,000 bushels; mixed 66@68c.; Southern yellow 65@67c. Pork dull: ness \$17. (a \$17.12. Whiskey stendy. Sugar steady. Stocks standy but dull. Va. 6's 787;

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# CANAL COMMERCE.

ARRIVED, March 12. Boats L. G. Hough, G. H. Moudy, and Ask the aptain, coal to American Coal Co. Boats Liberty and S. M. Petrie, coal to Frost-Boat John A. Reinhart, coal to Borden Mining

Boat Josiah Witt, coal to B. M. Franks.

THE MOUNT VERNON CAVALRY .- Owing o the inclement weather, the meeting of the Mount Vernon Cavalry, which was announced for ast Saturday, was postponed until Saturday next, he 16th inst. A full attendance is desired.

DHLIP'S WASHINGTON DESCRIBED .- A complete view of the American Capital and the District of Columbia, with many notices, hisorical, topographical, and scientific, of the seat of A full assortment of Ladies' and Children's Ho Government, edited by Wm. D. Haley-1 vol. 12

Digest of the Laws of Virginia, of a criminal nature, illustrated by judicial decisions, by Jas. M. Matthews—8 vo., sheep, \$3.50. The Last Enemy. Conquering and Conquered.

v George Burgess, D. D., Bishop of Maine, third edition, 50c. The Great Preparation, or Redemption Draweth Nigh, by Rev. John Cumming-2 vels. 12 mo.,

JAS, ENTWISLE & SON. NEW SPRING GOODS.

One of Them, a Novel, by Chas. Lever, 50c.

WE HAVE just received a variety of new SPRING DRESS GOODS, to which we nvite the attention of the Ladies-also Super Osnaburg Prints

Heavy Plaid Domestics Osnaburg and Twill Stripes Walnut and Brown Duck Denims and Blue Drills Osnaburgs, Cottons, &c., to which we in-

vite the attention of cash and prompt credit buyers. [mh 13] WITMER & CO. [mh 13] Port Tobacco Times, Marlboro' Gazette, Culpeper Observer, Fairfax News, and Sentinel. DOUGLAS F. FORREST,

ATTORNEY AT LAW WILL practice in the Courts of Alexandria and adjoining counties.

23 Office lately occupied by Judge Neale, Washington street, near corner of King.

A CARD! eal complexion of the times has prompted me to make an experiment which has been fraquently suggested by many merchants throughout the Southern States, and which I have always regarded as eminently proper.

It consists in the establishment of Offices in the ities of Philadelphia and New York, for the purose of acquainting those who buy Goods in hose cities with the personal and political chareter of such Houses as the South can consisently patronize. It will include the Wholesale and principal Retail Houses of this description

Southern Merchants can have the above infor-

mation, by addressing B. B. LONG, Philadelphia. P. S-I am personally known to prominent men throughout the South and West as a Southern man, both by birth and education; and in evidence, for the present, refer to the Hou. J. Thompson Mason, of Maryland; Hon. Wm. Smith and Hen. Alex. R. Boteler, of Virginia; Hon. Henry C. Burnets; Hon, Robt Mallory, Hon, John W. Sievenson, and George D. Prentiss, esq., of

A CARD. WE WOULD respectfully announce to our enstomers, and the public generally, that after Saturday, the 2d of March, we discontinue

making a deduction of 10 per cent, on our cash sales, the time advertised for so doing having expired; but, as a large number of our cash customers have always argued that we should offer some inducement to the cash purchaser, which we could not do under the one price system without allowing the same to all cash buyers, we have determined after the above date to make its general

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WHEAT & BRO. thing with all, and make a deduction of five per cent, on all sales, large and small, which are paid for at the time of purchase. We have a large number of prompt credit customers who have been dealing with us for years, and it will give us pleasure to serve them as heretofore. But we have made the above proposition, believing that it we shall be able to realize more ready money to make our purchases with, and that we shall be able to make up in part (by buying many of our goods for cash) what we shall lose by the deduction of five percent.

Our GOODS as heretofore will be found marked in plain figures at the lowest market rates, and no Washington, mh 4-dlm CANDLES! CANDLES!!

40 BOXES Adamentine Candles do do 20 " Sperm Candles, for sale by PARTLOW, HILL & CO. 20 BOXES PATENT WAX CANDLES do 20 " Tallow Candles, just received, and

LOCAL ITEMS. CITY COUNCIL. LAST NIGHT .- A regular meeting of the City Council was held last

The Board of Aldermen completed its organization by electing Cuthbert Powell Clerk, and John Shackelford Messenger. In the Common Council, Mr. Smoot in the absence of the President, was elected Presideut pro tem. R. H. Miller, member elect. from the Third Ward appeared and was qual-

An order for refunding to T. L. Bareda, \$14,60 passed both branches. An order for \$98,89 to pay for repairing the City Hay Scales, was also passed. A report for the Keeper of the Powder S. Assistant Marshal, in the attempt to ar- House, showing the amount of Powder on

hand &c , was received, and accepted. The Common Council passed a resolution instructing the Committee on streets to en- ence with the peace propositions as an ac-Union street between, Wolfe and Queen streets. The Board of Aldermen laid the

resolution on the table. A communication from the Fire Department, relative to the distribution of gas among the various Fire Companies, was re-

ferred to the Committee on Light. In the Board of Aldermen, a communication from the Superintendent of Police relative to the Market House building, was referred to the Committee on Public Property. Adjourned.

OUR BULLETIN BOARD .- Among other items of news on our bulletin board yesterday, were two short special telegraphic dispatches to the Gazette, the purport of which we were certain, would, and if we had not been sure beforehand, the casual glance we gave afterwards to a few of the countenances of the numerous readers of the Gazette's bulletin, rendered us so-afford the liveliest satisfaction to all patriotic citizens, and friends of the interests of our good old town. We were not mistaken, for men of all parties, from those who stand so straight upon the Union as to lean the other way, to the rank secessionists per se, expressed themselves as delighted with the evident and apparent desire manifested to make concession, and to avoid bloodshed, as was stated in the first dispatch, which read as follows: and which was received from our friend Kates, the gentlemanly and obliging telegraphic operator at this station.

"Fort Sumter was evacuated last night-From good authority.' The second was from our Delegate in the Virginia Legislature, and it read thus:

"The Winchester and Potomac Railroad indefinitely postponed in the Senate by a vote of twenty-six to thirteen.

DEATH OF A FORMER CITIZEN .- By reference to a funeral notice in another column of this morning's Gazette, many of our readers will be grieved to see announced the death of George W. Slacum, esq., an honored and estimable gentleman, and a native of

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS .- Large numbers of public documents, for distribution in the Southern States, passed through this city yesterday morning, per Adams Express

For miscellaneous reading, local items, &c., see fourth page of Daily Gazette. NEW SPRING GOODS.

ASHBY & WOOD A RE NOW receiving their first Spring supply of SEASONABLE DRY GOODS, con-

Choice styles of English and American Calicoes Bleached Cottons, all qualities

Heavy and fine Brown Cottons Osnaburgs, Heavy Twills Denims, Domestic Plaids Towelings, Linen Goods

Hoop Skirts, all sizes and qualities Kid Gloves &c., &c. Purchasers will find our assortment large and

desirable, embracing everything in our line, we invite dealers to examine our stock before pur-N EAT BLACK AND WHITE CHECK SILKS AT 75 CENTS.—We have on hand a very choice assertment of Black and White SILKS

which are very beautiful goods for second mourning, and we feel sure they will be found the cheapest goods in the market, at the prices we ALSO, JUST RECEIVED A lot of Printed Foulard Silks, which, as we

bought them a great bargain, we shall sell them at 45 cents per yard. All our goods are marked in plain figures at the lowest market rates; one price. A discount of five per cent, allowed on all goods

paid for at the time of purchase.
W. M. SHUSTER & CO., No. 38, opposite Centre Market. between 7th and 8th sts Washington, mh 12-d10t

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS. W E WOULD invite attention to our large and general assortment of SPRING and SUM-MER GOODS, consisting of CLOTHS, CASSI of GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS; all of which have been selected from the latest styles, and will be furnished by us on as good terms, as by any first class furnishing establish-

W. & A. MURRAY. Green's Mansion Buildings. DOTATOES, MACKEREL, AND COD FISH. -350 bush, Jackson Mercer Potatoes, a very

50 bbls. No. 1 Herring 25 " Mackerel, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 30 quintels Dry Cod Fish. Cargo of Schr. Fleetwood, Patterson, from Bel-

fast, Maine. For sale at Union Wharf. Apply to - B H. LAMBERT HAND'S LINE. -FOR PHILADEL-HAND'S LINE.-FOR PHILADEL-PHIA.-The regular packet Steamer J. JEROME, Capt. Jerome, will leave on Saturday, WM. H. FOWLE & SON,

No. 4. South Wharves N OTICE.—On Saturday next, 16th inst., the Fish Benches will be rented for the ensuing THOS. WHITTINGTON.

SAPLING CLOVERSEED.—Just received 50 bush. Prime Santia Cl. Clerk of Market. bush. Prime Sapling Cloverseed, new crop, T. A. BREWIS.

mh 12-1m I CE .- 225 tons BOSTON ICE, (17 inches thick) to arrive, and for sale by F. A. REED & CO.,

MACARONI AND CHEESE - Italian and American Macaroni; Prime Cutting Cheese, received and for sale by corner Prince and Pitt sts.

mh 9-d1w Alexandria P. O TERSEY WHITE MERCER POTATOES .- Michael, of Philadelphia. A PPLES AND POTATOES, just received and

CHAS. WISE corner Prince and Pitt sts. COTTON YARN. 5,000 ibs. asserted Yarn, route to take command of Fort Brown. - mh 5
There was no State troops at Brownsville

CLOVERSEED. -200 bashels very choice. Hill's determination to defend Fort Brown against the Texas troops has created an excitement, The state commissioner had ta-COUNTRY BACON,—We have a large lot of Country Cured Hams and Sides, of very ken possession of Brownsville custom house.

superior quality, [mh 9] KNOX & BRO. GUANO.—We have on hand a good supply of Reese's trumo for the Spring trade. KNOX & DRO. 20 BBLS, choice New Crop New Orleans Mo-lasses, received this day, and for sale by feb 19 J. E. DOUGLASS.

C. SEED.-150 bash. prime C. Seed, for sate by [mh 2] WHEAT & BEO. Y ACE CURTAINS, us received, at 1 2 mb 4 MEYENBERG'S.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH. VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION.

RICHMOND, March 12,--Mr. Summers made a powerful and effective speech three hours long, strongly advocating the peace proposition and commenting upon each article in turn. He urged such action as would meet the views of the whole State, and showed the folly of passing an ordinance of secession for reference to a divided people. He said that ment Virginia ought first to command the peace on all sides; then call a border State Conferquire into the probable cost of repairing centable basis of adjustment. The Convention should then adjourn over and await the result. He had full confidence of an eventual restoration of Union and harmony. Ex-President Tyler replies to-morrow.

#### FROM WASHINGTON.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, March 12 .- The only confirmations by the Senate, to-day, were those of Mr. Dole to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Archibald Williams as District Judge for Kansas. Among other nominations were those of

the Hon. Thomas Corwin as Minister to Mexico, and Capt. Cassius M. Clay as Minister to Spain. These were referred to the appropriate Committees. About sixty army officers, in full uniform, met at the War Department to-day, and in

company with Lieutenant General Scott and

the Secretary of War, proceeded to the White House, where they paid their respects to the President of the United States. In addition to so large a number of army officers, it is also noticeable that there are also twelve Captains in the Navy here, sitting as a court for the trial of Capt. Armstrong. They are the oldest and most ex-

perienced, and at their head is the venerable and popular Commodore Stewart. New Constitution of the Confederate States. Montgomery, March 12 .- The injunction of secresy having been removed from the permanent Constitution, the following are

the principal features in addition to the Constitution of the United States. No person of foreign birth, not a citizen of the Confederate States, shall be allowed

Strasburg Extension bill was this morning to vote for any officer, whether civil or political, State or federal. Under the first census, South Carolina

shall be entitled to five representatives in Congress, Georgia to ten, Alabama to nine. Florid to two, Mississippi to seven, Louisiana to six, and Texas to six. Each State shall have two Senators.

State Legislatures may impeach any judicial or federal officer resident and acting in said State, by a two-thirds vote of both Congress may grant seats on the floor of either house to the principal officer of each | cents, all of which will be found marked in plain

Executive Department, with the privilege of | figures at the lowest market rates. discussing the measures of his Department. The representation of three-fifths of the slave population is continued. Congress shall not be allowed, through the

imposition of duties, to foster any branch of industry. The foreign slave trade is probibited. Congress is prohibited from making apboth houses, except appropriations asked for ket rates; one price.
by the President or the head of some execu- A discount of five p

tive department. No extra compensation shall be allowed to any contractor, officer, or agent, after the contract has been made and the service ren-

Every law or resolution having the force of law shall relate to but one subject, which shall be expressed by its title.

The principal officers of the departments and the diplomatic service are removable at the pleasure of the President. Other civil officers are removable when their services are unnecessary, and for other good causes; but the causes and reasons for their removal must be reported to the Senate-Ithus practically no captious removals are tolerated.

Confederacy by a vote of two-thirds of both giving notice. The Confederacy may acquire territory, 10 BBLS. CRUSHED SUGAR do but slavery shall be acknowledged and protected by Congress and the territorial gov-

ernments. When five States shall have ratified the Constitution, it shall be established for such States. Until ratified, the Provisional Constitution shall be continued in force, not extending beyond one year.

Additional from California.

FORT KEARNEY, March 11 .- The San Francisco papers of the 23d ult., estimate that more than twenty thousand people attended the Union meeting in that city on the previous day. Speeches were made by Edward Stanley, Eugene Cassidy, Col. Crocket, and others. Resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring the unalterable attachment of California to the Union; that there exist no power under the Constitution tor a State to secede; that California will cheerfully acquiesce in any honorable plan for the adjustment of the existing difficulties so as to secure the rights of all the States; that if one or more States should effect a final separation from the Union, California will nevertheless, cling to the Union with the States; that California entirely repudiates the project of a Pacific Republic as visionary, mischievous, and impracticable; that the true attitude of the people of California, at this time of trouble, is that of fraternal kindness towards the people of all the States; and her honor and interest alike demand of her do all in her power to bring about harmony and reunion among the people of the whole country.

The Vacant Pennsylvania Senat orship. HARRISBURG, March 12 .- In the House -day thirty-one nominations were made to No. 6, South Wharves. | fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the resignation of Mr. Cameron. Among the principal nominees were W. H. Armstrong, of Lycoming, Thomas Williams, of Alleghany, W. W. Kitchune, of Luzerne, Campbell, Richard Vaux, and Morton Me-Later from Texas.

> New ORLEANS, March 12.-The steam-There wasno State troops at Brownsville but they were hourly expected. Capt. 50 BACCO, on consignment, and for sale by

The Hon. John Bell. NASHVILLE, March 11 .-- The Hon, John Bell has arrived. His views on President

Lincoln's Inaugural and advice to Tennessee, telegraphically ascribed to him from Washington, is authoritatively contradicted. Michigan Legislature.

the consideration of the bill for the repeal of | mh 9 Whent, should now be noticed by the newspapers generally. A VALLEY FARMER. | To sale by mh 6 HUMPHREYS & TALIAFERRO. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 43 per generally. A VALLEY FARMER. | TARRES | TALIAFERRO. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 43 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sale by a going of 45 per generally. | 40 BBLS. APPLES, received, and for sa

From Havana.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11 .- The steamship Bienville, from Havana 7th inst., has arrived at this port. Sugar at Havana was firm at reals. The stock in port was 195,000 boxes, against 118,000 boxes; clayed was quoted at 12@2 reals. Freights were improving.

No Order for the Evacuation of Fort Sumter. WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Inquiry at the proper source warrants the assertion that no order has as yet been issued in relation to the question of withdrawing the troops from Fort Sumter.

Messrs. Bell and Gilmer. The Raleigh Standard, upon full and sufficient authority, makes the following state-

"We learn that Mr. Bell, of Tennessee, and Mr. Gilmer, of this State, were offered seats in Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet. Mr. Bell replied that under the circumstances he could not accept unless the incoming President would furnish him with a written programme of his policy; that if this should be done, and he should be thereby assured that no movement would be made by the President and his Cabinet inimical to his section, and he should be also thus assured that he would be able to act harmoniously with the administration, he would accept a place in the Cabinet. A special programme was not furnished, but he was referred to the Inaugural as embodying the views of the President. Mr. Gilmer, we learn, made the same reply : but in both cases, the positions referred to were at first declined, and the terms as above given were not required until they were pressed a second time to occupy seats in the Cabinet."

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5 " Porto Rico Sugar 5 " " Molasses 20 bbls. Cut Loaf Sugar

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F. A. REED & CO., No 6, South Wharves DACON AND LARD .-D 10 hbds. Sides, Shoulders, Hams and Joles 10 hbds. Sides, Smooth 10 bbls. Lard, for sale by WHEAT & BRO.

CLOVERSEED.—150 bushels CLOVERSEED, received this day from Pennsylvania, for sale [mh 5] PEACH-BLOW POTATOES, for sale by WM. H. FOWLE & SON, No. 4, South Wharves. ship Arizona, from Texas on the 6th inst., has arrived here. Col. Bacchus was on his A for sale by F. A. REED & CO.. F. A. REED & CO., No. 6, South Wharves.

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